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SUBJECT: SPANISH APPLICATION FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNITY  
MEMBERSHIP

1. COMMISSIONER BRUNNER, IN COURSE DISCUSSION NUCLEAR  
ISSUES JULY 14, TOLD ME HE WOULD SEE SPANISH FOREIGN  
MINISTER IN MADRID TOMORROW WHILE IN SPAIN PRIMARILY FOR  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS APPEARANCES. ACCORDING BRUNNER, SPANISH  
GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED OVER MOST PROPITIOUS TIME TO  
SUBMIT REQUEST FOR ACCESSION TO COMMUNITY. HE SAYS  
THEY WOULD LIKE TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY BUT ARE FEARFUL  
THAT EC FOREIGN MINISTERS, AT SCHEDULED JULY 25-26  
COUNCIL MEETING, MIGHT NOT ACT POSITIVELY. HE SAYS HE  
WILL SUGGEST THAT APPLICATION BE SUBMITTED AT LAST  
MOMENT DURING THAT COUNCIL MEETING SO THAT SPAIN'S DESIRE  
WILL BE ON RECORD BUT THAT MINISTERS CAN GRACEFULLY  
DEFER ANSWER UNTIL SEPTEMBER, THEREBY GIVING SPANISH TIME  
TO PREPARE GROU GROUND FOR POSITIVE RESPONSE.

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2. I ASKED IF HE THOUGHT SPANISH RATIFICATION OF NPT  
WOULD BE RELEVANT TO NEGOTIATIONS AND BRUNNER REPLIED  
THAT HE DID INDEED AND THAT HE INTENDED TO MENTION TO  
OREJA DESIRABILITY OF SPANISH RATIFICATION.

3. BRUNNER ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN

ATHENS AND HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT SUPRISED TO DISCOVER THAT AMBASSADORS FROM EC MEMBER STATES WERE QUITE SKEPTICAL ABOUT ULTIMATE GREEK INTENTIONS. AS HE PUT IT, GREEKS WANTED TO KNOW WHERE TO SIGN AND WERE PREPARED TO SIGN ANYTHING, BUT THE NINE AMBASSADORS SAW LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT GREEKS REALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ACTUALLY CARRY OUT COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS IN GOOD FAITH. ASH PUT IT, GREEK MOTIVATION SEEMED TO BE TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL COUP IN GREEK INTEREST RATHER THAN TO STRENGTHEN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

4. COMMENT: I EXPECT THAT THESE COMMENTS, WHILE THEY MAY OR MAY NOT REFLECT REALITY, ARE MEANT TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF BRUNNER'S BASIC VIEW THAT SPANISH, PORTUGUESE AND GREEK APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE HANDLED AS PACKAGE. HE IS PERSONALLY MOST INTERESTED IN SPAIN AND PERHAPS FEARFUL THAT IF GREEKS COME FIRST, SPAIN MAY NEVER MAKE IT. HINTON

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